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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Dept., for WCDA&SCs – Constitution of State Monitoring & Review Committee, State Child Welfare & Protection Committee, District Child Welfare & Protection Committee at District Level and Village Child Welfare and Protection Committee for overall implementation of Mission Vatsalya Scheme in the State as per the Mission Vatsalaya Scheme Guidelines - Orders - Issued.

DEPT., FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DIFFERENTLY ABLED & SENIOR CITIZENS (PROG.I)

G.O.MS.No. 1 Dated: 01-01-2025

Read the following:-

Lr.No.WDC02-26033/8/2022-ICPS-WD&CW of the Director, WD&CW Dept., Guntur, dt:20.08.2024.

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ORDER:-

In the circumstances reported by the Director, WD&CW, Govt., of A.P., in the reference read above and after careful examination of the proposal Government hereby Constitute State Monitoring & Review Committee, State Child Welfare & Protection Committee, District Child Welfare & Protection Committee at District Level and Village Child Welfare and Protection Committee for overall implementation of Mission Vatsalya Scheme in the State as per the Mission Vatsalaya Scheme Guidelines with the following members:-

2. State Level Monitoring and Review

2.1 At the State level, a committee headed by the Chief Secretary is constituted to monitor, review and promote convergence in the implementation of the scheme. The Committee shall meet at least bi-annually in a financial year. The Chairperson may co-opt any other domain expert / statutory body / departments in the Committee. The members of the Committee shall include the following:-

Sl. No.	Members	Designation
1.	Chief Secretary	Chairperson
2.	Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Home Affairs	Member
3.	Principal Secretary /Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment	Member
4.	Principal Secretary / Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development	Member Secretary
5.	Principal Secretary /Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare	Member
6.	Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Department of Law & Justice	Member
7.	Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Department of Education	Member
8.	Principal Secretary /Secretary, Youth Affairs & Sports	Member

9.	Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Department of Panchayati Raj	Member
10.	Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Department of Rural Development	Member
11.	Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Skill Development	Member
12.	Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Department of Urban Development	Member
13.	Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Department of Labour & Employment	Member
14.	Any other domain expert/statutory body/departments	Member

3. State Child Welfare and Protection Committee

3.1 State Child Welfare and Protection Committee is here by constituted under the Chairpersonship of the Principal Secretary / Secretary, Dept., for WCDA&SCs to supervise implementation of Mission Vatsalya with the help of the State Child Protection Society (SCPS). This Committee will prepare an annual action plan including financial proposal for the state and submit to the Ministry for approval. This Committee shall closely monitor and review the working of structures, services and progress under various components of Mission Vatsalya and hold quarterly review meetings with District Child Welfare and Protection Committees for effective implementation of the scheme. The State Committee shall take needful measures for advocacy, awareness generation, capacity building, of all stakeholders on child rights and child welfare, and address road-blocks, issues, complaints received regarding care and protection of children in the State. The State Committee shall make special efforts for convergence so as to ensure benefits under all possible government welfare schemes for the children. The State Committee shall ensure that all institutions are set up under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, and Rules thereof. The Chairperson may invite any other domain expert / statutory body / invitees / departments to attend the meeting of the Committee.

Sl. No	Members	Designation
1.	Principal Secretary /Secretary Department of Women and Child Development	Chairperson
2.	Principal Secretary /Secretary, Home Affairs	Member
3.	Principal Secretary /Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment	Member / their nominee
4.	Principal Secretary /Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare	Member / their nominee
5.	Principal Secretary /Secretary, Department of Law & Justice	Member / their nominee
6.	Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Education	Member their nominee /
7.	Principal Secretary/Secretary, Youth Affairs & Sports	Member / their nominee
8.	Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Panchayat Raj	Member/ their nominee
9.	Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Rural Development	Member/ their nominee

10.	Principal Secretary, Skill Development	Member/ their nominee
11.	Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Affairs	Member/ their nominee
12.	Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Labour & Employment	Member/ their nominee
13.	Commissioner/Director WCD	Convener
14.	Any other domain expert/statutory body/departments	Member/ their nominee

3.2 The State Committee with the assistance of SCPS also frame a media and communication plan to generate awareness among the public on various aspects of the Mission for the rehabilitation and procedures for better protection of children. The State Child Welfare and Protection Committee rationalize the existing manpower in the implementing agencies for optimum utilization of resources as per the number of blocks, case load and inter-district transfers on need basis to address administrative exigencies.

4. District Child Welfare and Protection Committee

4.1 The District Magistrate shall chair the District Child Welfare and Protection Committee in every District. It shall be responsible for the effective implementation of Mission Vatsalya. The District Magistrate shall hold quarterly review meetings of the Committee.

Sl. No.	Members	Designation
1.	District Magistrate	Chairperson
2.	Superintendent of Police	Member
3.	Representative from District Legal Services Authority	Member
4.	Commissioner/Chief Executive Officer Urban Local Body	Member
5.	Chief Executive Officer Zilla Parishad / Rural Development Officer	Member
6.	District/Chief Medical Officer/Civil Surgeon	Member
7.	District Labour Officer	Member
8.	District Education Officer	Member
9.	District Sports Officer	Member
10.	District Social Welfare Officer	Member
11.	Project Officer, Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP)	Member
12.	District Skill Development Officer	Member
13.	District Planning Officer	Member
14.	District Program Officer (WCD)/ District Social Welfare Officer/ Child Development Project Officer HQ	Member
15.	Any other domain expert/statutory body/departments	Member

4.2. The District Child Welfare and Protection Committee shall be assisted by District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), to supervise and monitor the activities as well as overall

implementation of Mission Vatsalya at the district level based on district specific indicators, to be developed in the process of implementation of the scheme.

4.3 The Committee with the assistance of DCPU shall conduct periodic and regular mapping of all Child related services at districts for creating a resource directory and making the information available to the Committees and Boards from time to time, assess the number of children in difficult circumstances and create district specific data bases to monitor trends and patterns of children in difficult circumstances.

4.4 The Committee shall also facilitate the implementation of non-institutional care programmes including sponsorship, Foster Care and After Care at the district level. The Committee with the assistance of DCPU also frame a media and communication plan to generate awareness among the public on various aspects of the Mission for the rehabilitation and procedures for better protection of children.

4.5 It shall make special efforts towards convergence with other government departments to ensure the benefits of government welfare schemes reach the children in the district.

5. Mission Vatsalya envisages a robust ecosystem through the network of state and local governments to ensure the safety and security of children in the country. These local bodies must be able to reach out to children, engage with communities and encourage them to take ownership of the well being of Children in their areas.

5.1 Hence, under the existing Standing / Sub-Committee system of the local bodies, the function of child welfare and protection issues assign to the existing committee of the urban local body / Panchayati Raj Institution / Gram Panchayat which deals with issues of social justice / welfare of women and children. The notification assigning the function of child welfare and protection measures to the concerned committee shall be issued by the competent authority of the local body.

Panchayat Raj Institution	Zila Parishad Committee dealing with welfare of women and children
	Block level Committee dealing with welfare of women and children
	Gram Panchayat standing Sub-Committee on Social Justice / welfare of women and children

5.2 These Committees are supported for service delivery provision at all levels, to strengthen the framework of child protection in the state. The District Child Protection Officer (WCD), District Social Welfare Officer, Child Development Project Officers render all assistance in terms of information, reports, to strengthen the Committees.

6. Similarly, in urban areas, the function of child welfare and protection issues are assigned to the existing standing committee which deals with issues of women and children in the particular municipal area.

Urban Local Body	Standing Committee at the Municipal Level looking after issues of welfare of women and children
	Ward level committee dealing with welfare of women and children's issues in the area

7. Major Functions of the Child Welfare and Protection Committees:

i) Ensuring safe public spaces and child friendly atmosphere in the villages /block /ward areas.

ii) Advise all Village Gram Panchayats to include in Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) provision for support to women and child related activities.

iii) Ensure provision of municipal budget for women and children in urban ward areas.

iv) Inspection and assessment of implementation of schemes and programs for children in the area.

v) To ensure survey of all children with special needs likely to be in difficult circumstances, orphans, street children etc., and take appropriate actions so that no child is left behind.

vi) To discuss the status of vulnerable children who are missing, school drop-outs, trafficked victims, migrant children, beggars, orphan, and take appropriate action for their well being.

vii) To hold special campaigns and awareness drives for promoting child rights and ensuring child protection.

viii) Ensure support to DCPUs, CWCs, JJBs and SJPUs in carrying out their roles under Juvenile Justice Act / Rules.

ix) To boost volunteerism in the area of Juvenile Justice and Child Protection.

x) To roll out convergent activities fostering rehabilitation and social re-integration of children such as career counselling, skill training enrollment, apprenticeship enrollment, sports clubs / camps, etc.,

xi) Reporting to District Magistrate through DCPU regarding vulnerability hotspots and strategy devised for addressing it.

xii) To organize Bal Panchayats and appoint child Ambassadors in Villages from amongst children in schools etc.; and lay down necessary inputs from children on various issues before Gram Panchayats for appropriate action.

8. The Village Child Marriage Prohibition and Monitoring Committee was constituted in the GO.Ms.No.39 of the Dept. for WCDA&SCs (Prog.II), dated:15-09-2023. Similarly, Village Child Welfare and Protection Committees is hereby constituted with the following members.

8.1 Village Child Welfare and Protection Committee

1.	Gram Panchayat Sarpanch/ Councilor/ Corporator	Chairperson
2.	The Panchayat Secretary/ Admin. Secretary	Member
3.	Village/ Ward Revenue Officers of Revenue Dept.,	Member

4.	Local School Head Master/ Teacher	Member
5.	Members of self Help group/ Gram Samakhya	Member
6.	Elected Panchayat Women Members	Member
7.	ANM of the Village/ Ward Sachivalayam	Member
8.	NGO functioning in the area	Member
9.	A Women member from Youth Organization	Member
10.	Anganwadi Worker	Member
11.	Women Protection Secretary/ Mahila Police	Member Convener

(i) Village Child Welfare and Protection Committee meet every fortnight and not beyond (15) days from the date of earlier meeting, nothing prevents from conduct as regularly as the Committee thinks it is necessary.

(ii) The District Child Welfare and Protection Committee meet once in every month and not beyond the (30) days from the date of earlier meeting.

(iii) The State Child Welfare and Protection Committee meet once in every (3) months and not beyond (90) days from the date of earlier meeting.

(iv) The Agenda in the above village, District and State Committee meetings shall be included the subjects / issues of Prevention of Child Marriages as per the orders issued in the GO.Ms.No.39 of the Dept. for WCDA&SCs (Prog.II), dated: 15-09-2023.

(v) The Minutes of the meeting of the District Child Welfare and Protection Committees in the State shall be placed one of the Agenda items and shall be reviewed in the State Child Welfare and Protection Committee.

9. The Director WD&CW Govt., of A.P., shall take further necessary action, accordingly, in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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